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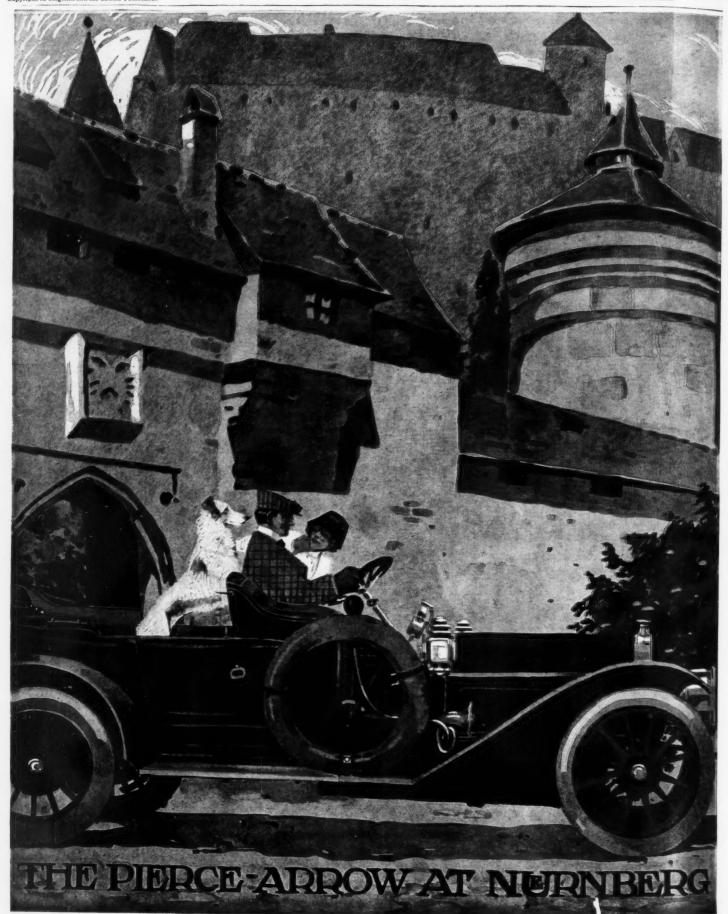
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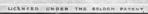
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The Colonel as Umpire

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"Life" has got over adoring the Colonel, and even a Clerk of the Day can see why. In a rash moment, the little cherub foresaw that Mr. Roosevelt would sit aloof from the rude and unlovely game of politics, and act as umpire. As things are now going, "Life" feels injured. He rather imagines that the Colonel has put him in a hole by making his prognostications ridiculous.

The Clerk must have forgotten. What Life said (June 16, 1910) was:

We by no means suggest Colonel Roosevelt for the office of National Judge. We have one already. A political umpire is something altogether different. A judge sits apart from the strifes of mankind, impartial, passionless, secure. Such a part would never fit the Colonel. But an umpire—how different! Mask on his visage and pad a-down his person, in the game every minute, back of the catcher, back of the pitcher, skipping about in the infield, watching every play, calling balls, strikes, fouls, the centre of every dispute, calling men out when they ought to be out—a thing the judge somehow can't do—hooted by the crowd, cheered by the crowd, mc'bed by the crowd, and escorted off the grounds by the police.

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EE. IME. MIT., the able manager of our Thought Bureau, has for some time been familiar with the mental details of a con-

spiracy to boycott the Imaginary Life, and we may say has had the whole thing under good control. It is natural, of course, that the immense mental subscription list we have should excite the envy of

competitors, and that they should do all they can to create an imaginary thought influence against us. Up to the present time they have had little effect; but we feel bound now to mention the matter in order that those who are on the waiting list may understand the truth.

There are about twenty million people at present reading the Imaginary Life, and several million more on the waiting list. There is also a large preparatory school of people to whom we furnish as much consolation as possible, while they are waiting to become subscribers. Our terms are easy. All you have to do is to want to come in and

send along five imaginary dollars as a starter. You then become eligible, and are placed somewhere in the line along the first harmonic plane.

All this is perfectly clear to every one, and thoroughly understood. But for some time we have been receiving red vibrations from unknown sources, indicating the presence of an enemy in the field of thought. These vibrations take various forms, but we notice them re-



We are sorry, but business is business

flected in the messages received from various subscribers and others, in the form of doubts about the reality of our position, and in other ways.

One gentleman writes:

I have been under the impression for some time that you are a humbug. I am on the point of cancelling my subscription, and I write to ask you if I do so, whether you will return to me the balance of what is due me. I have an idea that I can struggle along without the imaginary Life, and besides, I need the money.

Under ordinary circumstances we would vibrate our friend's balance to him at once, and move one of our waiting list up

along the line; but the head of our yogi department informs us that this is a plain case of alien influence. Our friend has been worked upon by a mental enemy, and before letting him go, we shall put him under proper treatment for a couple of weeks, and get him again under the right harmonic influences. We do this as a matter of principle and because we have a deep sympathy for all those who may be temporarily led astray. We cannot undertake to do this, however, in a large number of cases, and we warn all our friends that if they begin to doubt us, and persist in it, we shall have to let them go to make room for others. The

fact is, that we continue to be short of help in all of our departments, and until we can remedy this, we shall have to move along the vibrations o f least resistance.

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Vast Mental Conspiracy

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training branch, and we expect to produce a fairly good yogi out of almost any kind of material in a short time.

Are you out of a job? If so, and want easy work, apply for the position of yogi. No references required. We take anybody who is willing. As a preliminary, ask for our mental booklet, "How To Be A Yogi." It will start you right

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We have just received the following:

Dear Life:

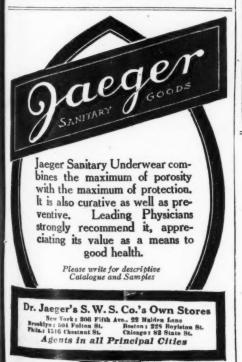
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I should like to be a yogi With all a yogi's might;' A mental square meal just beyond— Vibrating day and night.

Now I am a promising young man, not afraid of work, I live with my parents and have a good grammar school education. Tell me how to begin.

Yours joyfully, Edgar B-

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In the meantime, we call atten-

tion to the special mental numbers we are issuing, and also to the extraordinary quality of the advertisements in every imaginary number of the Mental Life. Practically every class of articles is displayed, from a joy cocktail to an harmonic hair renewer.

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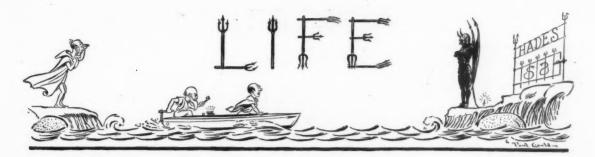
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Precisely. What metaphysical problems has any one ever solved? What metaphysical problems has Dr. Aked ever solved?

"What," asks Dr. Aked again, "has he ever done to entitle him to be heard as an authority on the human spirit and its relation to God?"

That's exactly it. What has he done? What could he possibly do "to entitle him to be heard as an authority on the human spirit and its relation to God," especially if his opinion is unorthodox?

Even Omar, as metaphysically abstruse as he was, did not dare to speak authoritatively. He merely wondered, thus:

"Strange, is it not, that of the myriads who Before us passed the door of darkness through, Not one returns to tell us of the road

Which to discover we must travel, too? "

Mr. Edison should stick to his buttons. He should realize that only a diploma from a theological seminary qualifies one in metaphysics and metaphysics is something which can neither be proved nor disproved.

Therefore, the soul is immortal. Q. E. D.

What of It?

SATANIC MAJESTY (pointing with pride): Hell.
New Yorker (wearily): Well?

W E can forgive any man his prejudices—provided they don't conflict with ours.



ORPHEUS IN HADES



"While there is Life there's Hope."

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PRINTING picture papers is a fairly deliberate process, and not yet at this

writing has LIFE the advantage of knowing how the elections have gone. But that is no great matter. It may be held with confidence that they have not gone in the direction of reaction. What is in the minds of the voters is of more consequence than who is to hold office, and nowhere, this fall, has there been reaction in the voters' minds. Whether Mr. Dix or Mr. Stimson is to be Governor of New York, he will be expected to be such a Governor as may follow Governor Hughes without too much of a jolt. Whether the House is Republican or Democratic, it will have to attend seriously to business if its majority is to hold its power. "Republican" and "Democratic" do not mean very much in these times. The body of voters who decide the elections are not after the offices. They are after good government-economical, honest and wise. They want it in the cities, they want it in the States, and they want it in Washington. They would like to have the spending or saving of more of their own money and to have less of it go for taxes, and to get more benefit from what is taken by taxation. They want privilege restrained, but wisely restrained. They want the tariff revised in the interest of consumers, and the railroads and the trusts regulated in the interests of all business, including the great railroad business and the enormous business of the corporations. They want brains and honesty and responsibility in government, and the chief basis for expecting it is not that this or that State has

gone this way or that, but that the standard of public expectation has been raised and that whoever holds office has got to meet it or get out.

You gentlemen who have been elected to office prepare to do your best, for it will be expected of you. Let nobody-Wall Street, Tammany, the Old Guard, or any one else-expect the country to take the back track and relapse into indifference to what is doing. Nothing like that is in the air. If, as has been anticipated, the Democrats have made great gains in many States that is matter for general congratulation, not because it is necessarily so advantageous to have the Democrats win, but because government is everywhere better when both parties are in the competition and hold office often enough to bring out strong and responsible leaders, and be judged by their works.

And if the elections shall seem to have modified a little Colonel Roosevelt's sense of responsibility for the direction of the universe, that, too, will be matter for earnest congratulations. It is not best that too large a proportion of our hopes should be staked too long upon the virtue of any one citizen or our progress depend upon his energies.



FOOTBALL seems to be successfully conducted this year under the new rules. Of the merits of the new methods we are imperfectly apprised but a fair proportion of the young gentlemen who play in this year's games have, so far, survived, and that without noticeable detriment to popular interest in the sport.

Football has had us, and imposed more or less of its ideals and catch words upon us, for almost a generation. The school boys who were first exhorted to "hit the line hard," have school boys of their own now, quivering under the same exhortation. It has had a great run, that cry, and the advantage of advertisement by the ablest and most pervasive expositor of his day. It fits some boys and misfits many others. As a rule of con-

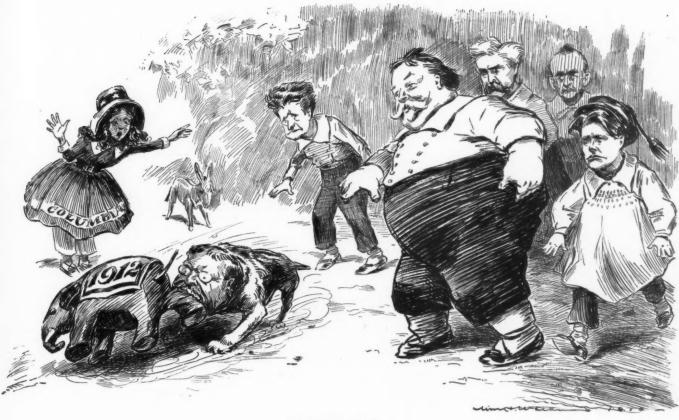
duct, it fits some situations and misfits more. It always was a blind-bull sort of rule, of limited application, but by being put at the top of the commandments that govern the strenuous life, it has had, for a couple of decades, a vogue very much beyond its deserts and a tyrannous and oppressive influence upon contemporary life.

We should not wonder if the time had come for its authority to abate a little. Life is not football, and seldom has been, except for short intervals. Moreover, there has come a brand new sport to earth in which the football adage doesn't work. Nobody shouts to the airmen to "hit the line hard!" That is the very last thing they want to do. Emerson and his suggestion are good enough for them.

The football men have typified a certain kind of man, and a useful one undoubtedly. The airmen typify another. The football ideal is to smash through. For the airman smash is failure and possibly death. His daring errand is one of skill—of forethought, preparation and instant and unceasing watchfulness. His province is discernment.

If we are about to see in political leadership a greater esteem of the airman qualities, even with proportionate retrogression in the vogue of the football qualities, let us bear it for awhile without repining and see how it works. Certainly the gospel of smash-through has had its turn, and its great apostle has reaped a full harvest of glory from it, and his successor has suffered not a little from reluctance in application of the doctrine. But there is a time for all things, and each passes when the clock strikes its turn to go. We are sure the clock last Tuesday week did not strike for the coming of reaction in purposes, but we miss our guess and hope unless it struck for some superseding of physical dynamics in politics by trained powers of watchful and considerate minds, daring in flight, but profoundly prudent in preparation and method.

What avails the strongest line if men have the wit to fly over it? It is the airmen now that the soldiers are watching. "Those are fellows," they say, "to whom we will have to look for orders."



HE'LL NEVER LET GO

Speakin' of Robbers

TAINT exactly thet I'm worried at your "con" games—

(Hope I've sense enough to let some varmints be)—

is your rules—thet bars a stranger startin' gun games,

Yit surrounds him thick with thieves, thet flusters me!

Speak of robbers! When I stopped at this "Wisteria,"

An' seen my bill for feed, you bet I swore—

'Twas enough to give a strong man black hysteria,

While they tacked another "extra"—then some more!

Thet ain't all! 'Twas on Broadway a gent pinned me, Seized my glad hand with a cheerful, friendly shout—

"Hello, partner," sez he softly, while he skinned me-'Tis God's truth, boys, he cleaned my wallet out!

I've fit Injuns in the wilds of Arizona,

Called down hoss-thieves and robbers runnin' loose— (Hold! Thet ladylike-one in the pink kimona Hez my stickpin! Boys, we'd shorely best vamoose!) You kin confiscate my Injun-fightin' medals,

Ere these Broadway gents an' ladies lay me out-

When Manhattan loots she does it with soft pedals,-

But she puts it over Hell without a doubt!

Sadie Bowman Metcalfe.



"HELLO, OLD CHAP! WHERE IN HELL HAVE I MET YOU BE-FORE?"

"WHAT PART OF HELL ARE YOU FROM?"

The Modern Dante



S O, after a time, I presented my pass at the gate where all hope and other inflammable articles must be abandoned.

Mr. Mephistopheles at that moment drove up in an asbestos automobile and was welcomed solemnly by the head imp, who said:

"Things are going strangely since you left."

"How is that?" asked Mephistopheles.
"Lots of people coming here and insisting that they belong inside. I've admitted them temporarily, waiting for you to return and decide the cases."

"We'll go right in and investigate," declared Mephistopheles. "Come along,

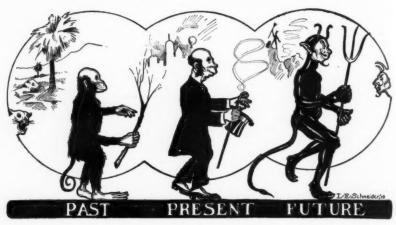
Mr. Dante. I've been roaming up and down for a good while and haven't been on the job. Perhaps I should have remained here to keep things in order."

We entered and started on a tour of the infernal regions. Soon our attention was attracted by an unfortunate man who was resting uncomfortably upon a hot gridiron. Mephistopheles asked him his name and former residence, then looked up his record in a little book.

"Why, you shouldn't be here at all," he said. "Why did you come?"



"WHAT'S SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER."



"THE EVOLUTION OF MAN."

"They told me I had to come. They saw me weeding my garden one Sunday afternoon and said I was lost."

"Get out of that frying pan, go to the gate and cool off until I come back."

We passed along and soon found another man undergoing great torment.

"How do you come here?" asked Mephistopheles.

"I went to the ball games on Sunday afternoon. They said I was a goner, and so I came direct here."

"Go to the gate and get cool. Wait there for me."

So we journeyed on, past furnace, pot and kettle, over the brimstone lake, ever and anon pausing to question some one who evidently had no business to be where he was.

One had come because he had gone swimming on Sunday, another because he danced; a woman had come because she played bridge, another because she attended the theatre, and so on. Each of them replied, when asked why he had presented himself for punishment:

"They told me I was wicked and would come here."

"You folks get out of here and don't come back, or I'll have you arrested for trespassing," Mephistopheles cried. "This beats the devil! How am I going to make a success of this place if every reformer in the world tries to run it for me? Can't I go away to rest for a few centuries without some one jamming the place full of undesirables?"

I did not answer, for on the journey through hell I had been surprised at not finding some folks I had expected to see there; also at finding some others I had not expected to see among the comparatively old inhabitants.

I thanked Mr. Mephistopheles for his courtesy and left him in the midst of a discussion with the head imp over the advisability of making the short-weight ice dealers try to freeze enough ice in hell to make up for their shortages on earth, and the popular song composers listen to a medley of the ancient airs from which they had stolen their melodies.

No Hope!

"DO you expect justice?"
"Not from such a judge. Why, I would as soon expect mercy from a New York ambulance surgeon."

A TARIFF is known by the trusts it keeps.



HELL

Life's Suffragette Contest

\$300 to the Winner, or One Dollar a Word

Life presents herewith the first instalment of contributions for the Suffragette Contest, the conditions of which are printed on this page.

(WITH DUE APOLOGY TO KING SOLOMON)

G o to, my son, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of thy heart teach thee to shun the snare of the suffragette.

If one should tell thee, "Lo! she is here, or Lo! there," go not out, but hide thyself within a fortified castle, lest in a weak moment she beguile thee into matrimony, for, verily, my innocent, when the suffragette once hath thee in her power, thou can'st not free thyself so easily.

Hearken, my son, and beware of her allurements. She hath a fluent vocabulary and her speech is confusing to the mind of man.

Remember well, my son, that she hath set a snare for thee and seeketh to bring thee to thy ruin, for, like Delilah of old, she will not rest until she has shorn thee of thy strength and made of thee a plaything for the Philistines. Moreover, she will use thee "as a cat's-paw" to gather

L IFE will pay the sum of Three Hundred Dollars for the best reason, or reasons, why any man should not marry a suffragette.

CONDITIONS:

Each answer should be limited to three hundred words. The manuscripts, however, may be as short as the contestant prefers.

Manuscripts must be typewritten, and should be addressed to

THE CONTEST EDITOR OF LIFE, 17 West 31st Street,

New York.
The contest is now on, and will close on December 31st, 1910. Manuscripts received after that date will not be considered.

LIFE will pay at its regular rates for all manuscripts published.

The prize will be awarded by the Editors of Life, and the announcement of the winner will be made as soon after January 1st, 1911, as possible.

It is not necessary to be a regular subscriber to Life in order to compete. The contest is open to every the coveted secrets of thy fellow-men, and make of thee an example to be hated by thine own sex. They will exile thee from their society and point the finger of scorn at thee, saying, "Thou traitor!"

Even the earth beneath thy feet will seem to cry out against thee for being so vile as to subvert the law of thy Maker and let a woman rule over thee.

As the years wear on, my son, thou wilt only be fit to stay at home and do the menial work of thine abode whilst thine illustrious spouse lectures from the platform or spends the evenings at her club.

To finish thee, my son, thou wilt either go hang thyself or be dwarfed into oblivion.

"Verbum sat sapienti."

MRS. M. J. GUERIN,

II

C ONTEST EDITOR, LIFE.

Sir:—A suffragette "on the sidewalk" means a crooked management "inside."

" Nuf sed."

EDWIN L. CLARK.

What's In a Name?

DEAR LIFE:

I see you advertise a Hell Number. This is doubtless intended as a joke, but let me tell you Hell is no joke; it is worse, it is a disappointment.

 All my life I have heard the beauties of Hell extolled; its varied scenery, its genial climate, its large and distinguished population and its many and varied forms of amusement have long been made famous in story and picture.

This past summer it was my privilege to go to Hell—I confess it without shame—and now another of my fond illusions is shattered. To begin with, it is disgustingly easy of access, for it is only an hour's ride by rail from a certain prominent city, and all trains stop. For some even, it is the breakfast station. The climate of this cele-



brated resort has been much exaggerated, for it was not hot; in fact, it was scarcely warm, and an overcoat was not out of place. But the greatest disappointment of all were the people; not a friend I expected to meet was in sight, and the many famous and distinguished persons one would naturally expect to see were nowhere visible, so I left with sadness and regret; another dream spoiled, another illusion shattered beyond repair. I have undergone many disappointments in my life, but this was the greatest of all.

Take pity on others, Life, and do not advertise this much over-respected spot. I inclose a photograph which speaks for itself. I leave it to you, Life, is Hell what you expected?

Yours in sadness,

A. M. PENFIELD.

DANBURY, CONN., October 27,

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Disabilities of Retired Officers

HE Constitution says that no person holding any office under the United States shall be a member of either house of Congress during his continuance in office. This rule was lately interpreted to exclude Rear Admiral Cowles, retired, from

running for Congress from the Farmington district in Connecticut where he lives. The interpretation was probably right, but it was rough on Admiral Cowles, and we presume that if the Constitution makers had known in time they would have fixed it so that retired officers of the army and navy might go

to Congress if they got a chance.

These retired officers have another disability. Although out of the service they are under control of their departments and bound to the same limitations in the matter of speech and writing as other officers. That seems an unnecessary hardship. When these gentlemen have served their time why not take all the gags and hobbles off of them and let them go free? After thirty or forty years' service are they less to be trusted than other people? Our brethren on the pension list are not subject to these restrictions. Why should the retired list be tied up to them?



HELL WITH THE LID OFF

With the Professor



HE place where, some folk say, they'll burn us, calls, in classic speech, "Avernus";

And maybe once or twice per annum Employs the Arabic, "Jehannum."

At social teas, with cultured air, He terms the torrid spot, "enfer,"

Or else, with due respect to ladies, In mellow Greek alludes to "Hades."

An elevator-running Creole I heard him once consign to "Sheol";

But when the parlor ceiling fell The missing word was simply "-Arthur Guiterman.

Fruitless

THE EDITOR: What are you doing here?

THE BURGLAR: Don't be alarmed, sir. I am just doing this for practice.

Revised Political Maxim

A GOVERNMENT of the people for doing the people by consent of the people.

At the School of Philanthropy

"S TANDARD Oil Soc-no, I mean Standard School-I mean Conservative Sociologists, say that the poor need aspiration-what they most want is a want," said the professor.

"We want supper now," said the shirt-waist striker.

"That's not what I mean," said the professor. "I mean an abstract want."

"What's an abstract want,-the want of somthing that you have to abstract from them?" asked the scholar.

"No! That's Socialism, or Anarchism-or Pragmatism at least. You ought to know that an abstract want is a soul aspiration, something that can't be got."

You mean enough to eat, then," said the shirt-waist striker.

"Nonsense," cried the professor. "These are prosperous times and the food supply is always short in times of prosperity; look at the high prices of stocks and of merchandise!"

"Yes, and of food, too," said the

scholar; "look at meat and eggs."
"Oh," said the striker, "we can't look at them, they've gone up out of sight."

"Then," said the professor triumphantly, "they are an Aspiration."

Bolton Hall.

HERE'S an affinity that shapes our

WHERE there are so many books there must be some literature.



Small Boy: OH! WHAT A FUNNY-LOOKING THING. "SH! DON'T BE RUDE."

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Let Us Be Businesslike



THE INCUBATOR CHICK "NO MOTHER TO GUIDE HER."

I T has been estimated that Mr. Rockefeller's income is about fifty million dollars per annum. That's what we pay him by our laws and customs.

It is undeniable that he is a valuable man, but have we gone about it in a business-like way to find just how valuable he is? Is he worth that much? Can we get somebody in his place for less?

Let's see. He is valuable as an organizer of industry. How much is that worth? Although he has retired from that position shall we continue to pension him? Or, have we paid him enough?

He is valuable for his sage utterances and for his good advice to young men who need money. It ought to be comparatively easy to put a price on that service. Perhaps a dollar a word would be liberal enough. He is valuable for keeping a paternal watch on our educational institutions. How much for that? Not much, perhaps, as salaries of educators have never ranged high.

He is valuable for playing golf? Not all of us have the time for playing golf and, as golf should be played, we should be willing to pay some one for doing it.

There may be a few other minor items for which he is valuable, but we are paying him most of the money for his services as owner, and we have been letting him fix his own wages. Employers do not often do this. Should we make an exception in his case? If not, what is it worth to us to have him own a large portion of our country? That's where the rub comes. Is it cheaper to have him own the things and fix the price than to own them ourselves?



People paying pipers.
Orators ornamenting office seekers.
Looters laying lines.

Imps imitating innocence.
Thugs throttling truth.
Ignorant insiders idling.
Cold, calculating corruptionists.
Sly, sneaking spoilsmen.

Get Out Your Bibles

WAS Satan the first eavesdropper?
Was Elijah the first aviator?
Was Nebuchadnezzar the first cowboy.

Was Noah the first archæologist?

Was Jacob the first to act as a showfur?

Was Eve the first to say a-dam?

Was Lazarus the first repeater?

Was Balaam the first to hear his master's voice?

Was Moses the first lawbreaker?

These Days

FIRST HOUSEWIFE: I'm going to buy a dozen eggs.

SECOND HOUSEWIFE: Who is your

SECOND HOUSEWIFE: Who is your broker?

N ODD: I just got a new talking machine.

Todo: Phonograph or wife?

O WATER COMPLETE

New Arrival: HI SAY, OLD CHAP, YOU DOWN'T 'APPEN TO 'AVE A MATCH ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES, DO YOU?

THE only penalty for dishonesty seems to be the disgrace of dying rich.



"wow! THIS MUST BE THE DEVIL OF THE BIRDS."

Politics and the Tariff

M UCH of the annoyance to travelers returning from abroad, caused by our tariff regulations, could be obviated if the tariff were taken entirely out of politics. As Mr. James J. Hill has so aptly said: "The national machine is too big and too distant, slow, cumbrous and costly." The tariff, therefore, should be put into the hands of business men, quick, efficient and discriminating.

It would then be an easy matter to arrange schedules and regulations so that commodities which are sold to the people would carry the highest possible duties, while those things which the manufacturers and importers and jobbers needed for themselves and their families could be put on the list of exemptions. In other words, one of the chief difficulties with the tariff is that the government, having decided that the tariff was correct in principle, has been trying to treat all alike. To make such an effort was of course absurd, if for no other reason than that those who are not accustomed to being treated alike absolutely refuse to submit to such justice.

Ellis O. Jones.

T'S a poor scale that doesn't work both weighs.



LOOKING OVER SOME "BACK NUMBERS'
OF LIFE



She: By the Way, are you engaged?

PARKE: Fiddleback tells me he has had the painters and decorators in his house for the past week.

LANE: Fixing up his wife?

DASHAWAY: You have splendidlooking clothes, old man. Who is your tailor? CLEVERTON: He's the first man you see as you go out.

Satan

UNDER the titles of Prince of Darkness, Prince of the Powers of the Air, Lucifer, Beelzebub, The Devil, this personage has played a prominent part in the affairs of humanity through all the ages since the Garden of Eden, yet very little is known of him definitely to this day.

When fallen from his first estate of an angel of light he was still of such importance that even archangels "durst not bring against him a railing accusation." All nations have regarded him with the greatest respect and reverence and he has been worshipped by many. In this prosaic twentieth century, however, he has fallen so low that he receives the veneration only of a few savage tribes; some deny his very existence; and his only incense comes from a few automobiles. We may do away with him altogether.

Very persevering (as the kindly old woman said), a model of industry, he works all winter and all summer as well, taking no vacation when churches are closed and preachers away.

The driver of sharp bargains, he has often been outdone by acute humans, his superiors in shrewdness, like Dr. Faustus, and the man whose shadow only he got. Our Captains of Industry would not take such risks and could give him points generally on deals. Some of them are said to beat the devil.

Under the title of "Tempter," he occupies the position of scapegoat and apologist for humanity, relieving them from all personal responsibility.

The close personal friend, familiar and guide of many prominent people in all ages, he was sufficiently well acquainted with Dante, Milton and—in this age of anti-climax—Marie Corelli, for them to write full biographies of him.

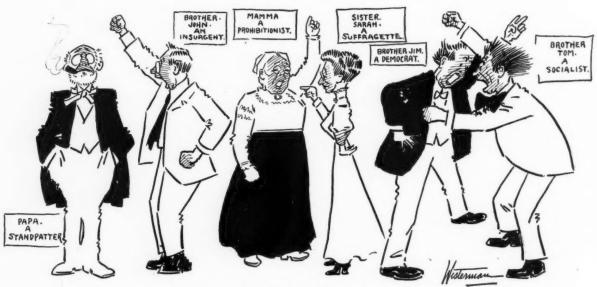
The originator of many curious and wicked fashions, as Nero's living torches, auto-da-fes and other gentle methods for the conversion of heretics in all ages, the Salem Witchcraft, Paris Commune, he is also interested in up-to-date matters like Russian pogroms and vivisection.

An inventor of instruments of torture in all ages, his latest successes are the phonograph and telephone.



FOR AERONAUTS. EXCLUSIVELY

TO FEEL THEMSELVES AS OTHERS FEEL THEM



A H-L OF A FAMILY



"I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO FLY LIKE THAT?"

A Personal Opinion

OH, Life, you'll be the Death of me, With Jew and Gentile chiding, Such notions of propriety, And Heaven and Hell deriding.

You hold the mirror up, 'tis true, But Nature turns and blushes, She's not quite certain what you'll do, You make such naïve onrushes.

Then, too, Physicians are in vain, And Lawyers, Priests and so on, Each one in turn is cleft in twain, With but one leg to go on.

You joust and tournament the world, With special terms for ladies, At whose pet foibles, when unfurled, You cachinnate like Hades.

Tho' vivisection's horror meets Your stern disapprobation. You do some acrobatic feats And vivisect the nation.

Against dread vaccination dire, Whose use will surely pyre us, You ply your lancet, dipt in fire And fearless caustic virus.

"Obey that Impulse "-this is why I venture my opinion; You'll reach your goal before you die, For LIFE is man's dominion. C. W. B.

The Legend of the Vivisectionist

WHEN Satan had finished creating the snakes and scorpions and spiders, and all the other vile crawling things of earth, he turned to the making of his masterpiece, which was to be a thing of transcendent evil, a brute without heart, or mercy, or pity. And when the thing was finished he called it Man. Meanwhile the Creator of the world had made a creature that was as good and lovable as the Man was vile. It had no trace of evil in its nature, only fidelity, unselfishness and love. It was a little, roly-poly, smiling Puppy.

And when the Puppy saw the Man in the distance he ran to him as fast as his little wobbly legs would go, smiling a joyous welcome and wagging himself all over, for he thought he had found a new kind friend.

And when the Man saw the Puppy he said, "Lo! here is a fit subject for the advancement of science," so he took the little Puppy and slowly, very slowly, burned out its eyes, and then he-but no, it is too horrible, too sickening to tell of, so let us blot out the memory of it and, groveling, try to forget.

So, when the wanton, useless torture was ended, Satan passing by paused, and, looking on the Man, said: "Verily I builded better than I knew, for I have made a fiend so vile that even I, the Prince of Evil, am, in comparison, but an innocent child." Then looking on the quivering body of the little Puppy he-even he, the Devil-covered his face R. K. and wept.

A LL roads lead to Reno.

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AS DECIPHERED BY A PESSIMIST



A Vigorous Prosecutor and a Laughable Feud



THE GAMBLERS," Mr. Charles Klein's latest dramatic contribution to the discussion of public evils, introduces no faro layout or roulette wheel. The only tools of the trade visible to the audience are a few poker chips on a table around which are gathered the directors of a bank using them as a mask

for a meeting to discuss how they may escape going to prison for borrowing their depositors' money to gamble in Wall Street.

Mr. Klein has a distinct talent for weaving a "strong" play around a subject of contemporary interest. Of course, dishonesty has always been a favorite motive in the villainy of plays, but Mr. Klein has dodged the stolen will and the missing diamonds successfully, bringing his larceny into the most up-to-date methods of modern finance. He preaches no doctrine, however, and teaches no moral outside of giving us further illumination of the fact that the way of the transgressor is hard-if the transgressor is not successful in getting away with the goods.

If the present offender had been a petty thief, Mr. Klein's play would have lost some of its glamour, but it is a proof of its strength dramatically that it would still have held its human interest. A bulldog district-attorney, spurred on first by political ambition and then by jealousy, a wife repelled by the hardness of his disposition and alienated from him when his powers are relentlessly turned against her former sweetheart. an offender who is made the object of this prosecution and yet gains the love of the wife and the partial sympathy of the audience because his motives are not wholly bad and his offence is largely technical—these are the persons of the drama about whom the author has built an ingenious plot with several moving situations. Subordinate characters are skilfully introduced to provide an atmosphere of realism.

The author is also the producer of the play and deserves credit for good judgment in the selection of the artists and for the intelligent inspiration evident in their work. Mr. Charles Stevenson plays the prosecuting officer with just the proper mixture of dignity and relentlessness. Jane Cowl enlists the sympathy without the conventional appeals of the emotional actress and dominates at the right moments without becoming too forceful in tone or gesture. The hardest burden falls on Mr. George Nash. Played less directly, less simply with the slightest bit of artificiality and he would destroy instantly any sympathy for the character felt by the audience. In fact, all through the performance there is an air of naturalness and a freedom from staginess as agreeable as it is exceptional. Also Mr. Klein has dodged the question of the happy or unhappy ending. The curtain falls with justice satisfied but with love triumphant, and yet the conclusion is logical and natural-not forced.

The admirable artistic results attained in "The Gamblers" are due largely to new conditions of freedom and independence prevailing in the theatrical business since the overthrow of the Theatrical Trust.

"THE CUB" makes light of a very serious subject. When any of our daily newspapers run short of gore they can always dig up a Kentucky feud for the sanguinary hue necessary to their news columns. The author of "The Cub," Mr. Thompson Buchanan, is an ex-reporter and an ex-Kentuckian, so that it is all the more remarkable that he could treat with levity a subject so seriously regarded in his former calling and former commonwealth.

The Kentucky mountain feud is frankly laughed at in this play and by the audiences that witness it. The hero is a reporter of the Louisville Courier-Journal sent to write up the mountaineers and their doings. He refuses to take them seriously and his audacity and fun-making save his hide a score of times during the play. He also successfully uses the name of Col. Henry Watterson to scare away bad intentions. The mention of the Colonel's name and the presence on the stage of a pail of moonshine whiskey are quite sufficient for local color without the aid of scenery or costumes.

Of course, there's a love interest which is developed between the reporter and one of the young lady feudists, but the main elements of "The Cub" are revolvers and fun, a good many of the former and plenty of the latter. Although there is no actual shooting the play is full of persons who have either been shot or are going to be shot. If the percentage of actual mortality in the Kentucky feuds is no greater than in this farcical comedy, they cannot be such very bloodthirsty affairs after all.

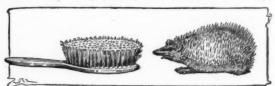
"The Cub" is well staged and acted in a way to develop all the fun there is in it. Mr. Douglas Fairbanks is the star and his breezy youthfulness fits well into the character of the fifteen-dollars-a-week journalist who refuses to regard the revolvers of the "killers" seriously. "The Cub" has a novelty and a get up and go to it which ought to appeal to New York's theatrically jaded public.



ELECTRICITY " was a misnomer for Mr. William Gillette's latest contribution to the drama. That word suggests brilliancy and power, both of which were lacking in the play intended to make Marie Doro shine as a star. It was a flimsy story of a rich young woman of socialistic tendencies, who insisted on going into the ranks of productive labor to find her soulmate. The impersonation by one of her rich suitors of an electrician working in her father's house led to clumsy compli-

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cations not dramatic and not very amusing. Marie Doro's attractive but frail personality and abilities were not up to



WHAT AN UNSOCIAL HEDGEHOG. HERE, FOR A HALF HOUR, NOW, I'VE BEEN SAYING 'HOW D' YOU DO,' 'NICE DAY,' AND ALL SORTS OF POLITE THINGS, AND HE HASN'T ANSWERED A WORD."



WHY NOT ENJOY OURSELVES AT THE OPERA?

putting the necessary spark into Mr. Gillette's "Electricity" and the piece has disappeared from the New York stage.

"The Other Fellow" has also gone. He should never have come. A farce suggests the idea of something laughable. "The Other Fellow" didn't.



THE constant succession of expensive failures among theatrical productions recalls the old tale of the Hebrews wondering where the Christians got all the money the chosen race take away from them. It is an equal cause of wonderment where all the money comes from to pay for these costly experiments. Later on the records of the bankruptcy courts may contain an explanation of the apparent mystery.

Metcalfe.



Astor—"The Girl in the Taxi." Uproariously stupid farce. Belasco—"The Concert." Admirably produced comedy of the present day. Well-acted satire on feninine hero-worship. Broadway—Annesia set to music. "Judy Forgot," cheerful musical piece with Marie Cahill as the star. Casino—"He Came from Milwaukee." Musical show of the Casino brand, with Mr. Sam Bernard's dialect as the star feature. Concedy—"The Cub." See above. Criterio—"The Commuters." Ordinary suburbanites offered up as a sacrifice on the altar of laughter.

Daly's—"Baby Mine." Highly diverting farcical comedy with an infantile basis, Empire—"Smith." Thin polite comedy agreeably performed by

Mr. John Drew and good support.

Gaiety—"Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford." The confidence game laughably dramatized.

Garrick—Mr. Kyrle Bellew in "Raffles." Last week of the gentleman cracksman.

Globe—Adeline Genée, the dancer, in "The Bachelor Belles."

Notice later. Mother." Not as sentimental as the title would indicate, and made interesting by Emma Dunn's good acting in the title

Herald Square—Last week of "Tillie's Nightmare." Farewell appearances of Mile. Marie Dressler on Broadway as the heroine of this touching musical show.

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Hippodrome—An earthquake, Niagara Falls and other spectacular and brilliant features.

Hudson—Blanche Bates in "Nobody's Widow." Notice later.

Knickerbecker—Miss Iulia Neilson and Mr. Terry in "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Romantic English melodrama brilliantly staged.

Fairly interesting and well done.

Lyceum — Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," with Mr. A. E. Matthews as the star.

Lyric—"Madame Troubadour." A musical comedy without a chorus. Delightful to hear and well staged.

Manhattan Opera House—"Hans the Flute Player." Elaborate production of a thoroughly musical and well sung comic opera.

Maxine Elliott's—"The Gamblers," by Mr. Charles Klein. See above.

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Nasimova — Mr. Weedon Grossmith in "Mr. Preedy and the Countess." Notice later.

New—Opening of the regular season. The first two plays are "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and Pinero's "The Thunderbolt," which will be reviewed later.

Republic—"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." Admirably adapted version of the well-known stories of girl life in rural Maine, with Edith Taliaferro's delightful impersonation of the little heroine.

Wallack's—May Irwin in "Getting a Polish." Notice later.

Weber's—"Alma, Where Do You Live?" Fumigated foreign musical farce with catchy music.

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The Road to Hell



"THE RAKE'S PROGRESS"

Priscilla Is Getting Worried

YOU all know, dear sisters, that the New York Sun is a man-edited newspaper. And we all know that there are no limits to what the tyrant man will do to cause suffering—not suffraging—to our downtrodden sex.

In what purports to be a cable dispatch from London the Sun men say that, "while women continue to show the keen-

continue to show the keenest determination in the
matter of securing a parliamentary vote, it is evident
that they have little interest
in the vote which they already possess for the elections for councils in cities,
boroughs and urban districts
in England. The women have
votes in the elections and are
also eligible for seats; but
throughout the country only
twelve women have been nominated as candidates in a field

where women's qualities are universally admitted to be of real service."

What of it? Everyone knows that if a baby cries for the moon, it wouldn't stop his crying if we gave him the moon. He would at once begin to cry for something else. Especially a girl baby

Our English sisters are quite right. It isn't the thing they've got that they want. It's the thing they haven't got.

What notoriety could they gain, what excitement would there be in showing their fitness to use the suffrage they already possess? What fun would there be in using their "women's qualities" in fields where they would be of "real service."?

UR real business, sisters, is to agitate. It is freely predicted by our peerless leaders that within five years New York State will give votes to women. When that comes there will be no further use for Suffragettes and we shall have to find some other vent for our surplus energies and some other way to attract attention to ourselves.

Already it begins to look as though we had lost our novelty. A recent experience of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont shows

that the sight of a woman making herself conspicuous on the streets has lost some of its former power to attract attention.

She had been out on Broadway peddling Suffragette handbills. When she came back to Suffragette headquarters she said to the sisters, made breathless by her dauntless courage, "Whatever annoyance I suffered was due to purely subjective causes. Not a single person whom I approached showed me the slightest discourtesy. The time has gone by when suffragists are regarded in the light of dime museum freaks."

She was not insulted once. What a disappointment! And at this very time the police were busy handling the strike of the express drivers. The only thing Mrs. Belmont was able to do was to get her name into the newspapers. That is all right for her, but it is not enough for the sacred cause and the rest of us. We must find some way to get ourselves noticed. What dear sister will make a suggestion?

I think we ought to boycott Mrs. Clarence Mackay. She was not present at the Suffrage convention. She sent word that she was busy entertaining an aviation party at her country house and could not come. Any woman who prefers the business of her own household and her petty house-keeping to the pleasure of suffragetting is not worthy to be one of us. At the next meeting of the committee I shall move that Mrs. Mackay's name be stricken from the list of members.

PRISCILLA JAWBONES.



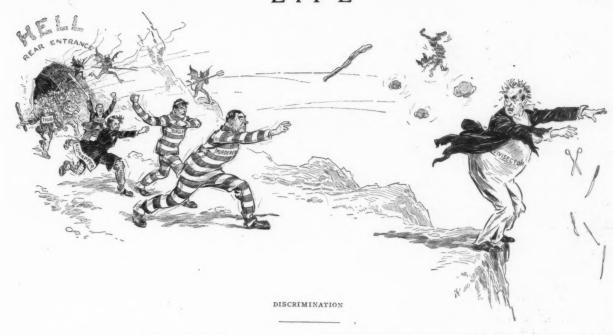
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KEEP YOU IN THE REAR OF YOUR AFFECTION .- Hamlet.



From a Late Arrival

HELL, November 14, 1910.

EAR LIFE:

Just arrived here two days ago. Am having a -1 of a time. Have run across many of my old departed friends, consequently not a bit lonely. Surprised at the number of clergymen. Find the Devil quite as attractive as ever.

Met my mother-in-law this afternoon; for first time realized the locality. She said she had applied at the other place and was kicked out. Little Mazie, of the Louisiana Sextette, landed this

I used to know her quite well, but now she won't even look at me. That's the h-l of it! Two missionaries also arrived My, but they looked foolish; they'd been up at the other place, too.

It's hot here, but what in h-l can you expect? Crowded, also, but we're enlarging for the winter's rush. Don't be too good, and thus take chances of missing us. Remember you can only die once.

Yours in fire and brimstone, J. C. F. P. S. Kindly call up Jim B-, phone, Madison 7-11, and tell him to hurry up and drink himself to death; I miss his congenial company:

Whose Money?

WHEN President David Starr Jordon, of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, proclaims that the building of warships is a waste of money and objects to them on that ground, he misses the whole point.

Warships may be a waste or money, but whose money is it? Is it not the people's?

Well, then. We can't possibly get along without Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh can't get along without the steel trust. The steel trust can't get along without warships. Warships can't get along without wasting somebody's money. The

public is the only thing that will allow its money to be wasted.

As to Love

"L OVE," declares high authority, "is of man's life a thing apart, a woman's whole existence."

How does a man fall in love, anyway? Strictly speaking, he doesn't fall, but deliberately wades out till he is lifted off his feet, thereafter to splash and sputter and get his mouth full of the stuff, and otherwise make himself ridiculous.

It is different with a woman. You will see her for the most part paddling with her feet in an uncertain, tentative fashion, or lounging languidly on the beach. And after she is in she will be thinking about her hair and how the onlookers are likely to regard her.

Still, the poet is doubtless right in saying that she is the more deeply affected in the long run.



SAFE

She: BE CAREFUL, DEAR, THE OTHER OWLS MIGHT SEE US. He: NAY, BE NOT AFRAID; THIS ROOM IS AS LIGHT AS DAY.



HERE are some books (as any one who undertakes to edit a confidential guide to current literature will quickly discover) that are peculiarly difficult to sum-

sentence. Mr. George marize in a Bourne's The Ascending Effort (Dutton) is such a book. No one who has read it is likely to take exception to the statement that it is an earnest, unassuming, suggestively enlightening inquiry into the psychological sources of taste; the nature, necessity and uses of art; their combined relations to conscience and 'religious'' zeal; and the final dependence of human progress upon the functioning of all. Yet to the uninitiated this statement is nearly certain to suggest, if not a highly technical treatise, at least a wholly speculative and essentially unpractical discussion. Let us see if we can surmount the difficulty by approaching it from the other side.

"No statement of the universe," says Emerson, "can have any soundness which does not admit its ascending effort"; which is a magnificently forthright declaration of a truth so fundamental as to seem self-evident, and yet so elusive as to retreat before analysis until it merges with the ultimate mystery of the universe itself. Mr. Bourne has not attempted to offer a hypothetical solution of this ultimate mystery. But he has undertaken to examine the local workings of this force as manifested in ourselves and to decipher, as it were, the psychological mechanics by which it transmutes its power into human energy. Step by step, from congenital instincts through the unconscious inescapable mental adjustments and the consequent daily idea-developments in every man Jack of us, he strives to trace the growth and subsidence of broader outlooks, saner enthusiasms and more dynamic ideals and to explain the outwardly mysterious vagaries of public opinion. It is a tentative, not an authoritative, book. But it points us a step further in self-knowledge, and that a step toward the more difficult department of that confusing subject-the ways in which we are unconsciously racial instead of the ways in which we are consciously individual. Any one who has ever gropingly sought to identify the sources of his own esthetic, altruistic, scientific or religious convictions will be likely to find Mr. Bourne's book of stimulating interest.

NE of the subsidiary points that Mr. Bourne turns aside from his main discussion to make clear is the distinction between what he calls the subject matter and the subject of a work of art; the subject matter of a painting being those, aspects of external reality whose representations it offers to the eye, its subject that phase of the beauty or of the emotional suggestion of nature that the artist has sought to convey; the subject matter of a novel being the characters, plot and background of the tale. its subject the "criticism of life" that the author has sought to make implicit in them. This is one of those obvious distinctions that we are, nevertheless,

prone to lose sight of; partly, perhaps, because so many would-be works of art. both plastic and literary, fail to bring it home to us by being merely collocations of subject matter without subject. It is a distinction that you may know a reviewer has lost sight of when he thinks to characterize a novel for you by retailing its plot. It is a distinction that one is obliged to emphasize in order to define the futility of so well written a story as M. P. Willcocks's The Way Up (John Lane, \$1.50). For this story of complex class, sex, business and domestic struggle in an English factory town, like Miss Willcocks's earlier novels, The Wingless Victory and A Man of Genius. is built of excellent subject matter. Its characters are four-square, autonomous and self-consistent, while its plot has the appearance of a development rather than of a construction. But, unlike those earlier, and, one hopes, still remembered books, The Way Up fails to leave us with the feeling that a thoroughly apprehended yet never mentioned "subject" has been revealed to us in that silent and secret emotional intercourse which is the zest of art. It leaves us, instead, with the feeling that its author, by the very act of writing the book, had dissipated and disproved the criticism of life (whatever it may have been), that she had thought to embody in it. One half looks to have her add at the end of the last chapter, "I beg your pardon. I find that I have been thinking out loud." J. B. Kerfoot.



CONFIDENTIAL BOOK GUIDE



An Affair of Dishonor, by William De Morgan. The disappointment of the season. A book containing scarcely a trace of the De Morgan we know.

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Post Girl.

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Rest Harrow, by Maurice Hewlett. A sequel to Hal' Way House and Open Country that readers of those novels will be likely to enjoy in spots and regret as a whole.

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The Theory of the Theatre, by Clayton Hamilton. Admirable essays of value to all

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The Way Up, by M. P. Willcocks. See above.

What Is Wrong with the World? by G. K. Chesterton. A book in which G. K. C., after contradicting all the other guessers, contradicts himself.



Congregation Singing: Where congregations ne'er break up
And Sabbaths have no end.

Small Boy: GOSH! ME FOR HELL.

Why Not Be Human

O the terrors and uncertainties of social intercourse in many cities of the United States, and particularly in New York, has been added of late years the habit of hostesses of never making introductions without handles. Miss Brown is never introduced as Miss Brown, but as the lady whose volume of poems you must have read last year. Of course you've never heard of her nor fead a line of her effusions; but the appreciative grimace must be forthcoming and the air of recollection. Or Mr. Talent is introduced as the artist whose exhibition of water-colors made such a stir last autumn; or Mrs Thump as the lady whose speech on women's suffrage is changing the fate of the American nation. To pair off with these achievements you yourself are introduced as somebody who has done something, and you realize from the momentary blankness on the face of the other victim that he is as ignorant of your folly as you are of his. The note of a roaring lion having been struck by the hostess she leaves you both to wrestle with your mutual talents as best you can. The usual outcome is flight, after some moments of floundering through bogs of conjecture that must be concealed.

Why hostesses should desire that every guest should have "done something" and be pushed forward on that basis, and

not on the ground that he is a respectable human being fortunate enough to have a leisure moment in which to shake hands with his fellows; why hostesses should so complicate a social situation already sufficiently complicated is explicable only or the American theory that is at the bottom of everything—that a democracy must be lived down if possible! The merry irony of this ambition is revealed by the carelessness that London hostesses display in letting their guests find each other out as best they can—a method which sometimes results in delightful surprises.

Why can't people be introduced to each other as men and women without dragging in their achievements, which in many instances are but the mushroom growths of cleverness in a country where cleverness is as common as air, and much less necessary. Why not take it for granted once for all that everybody 's brilliant in the American fashion; that everybody has written a book, or is going to write one; that everybody has a play in his desk, and hopes to have one on the stage; that everybody has written sonnets for pot-boilers, and made drawings of big-boned girls with full lips, masses of hair and faultless clothes. Why not assume all this, and then introduce Mr. Smith to Miss Jones, and let them exchange remarks on the weather and get to like each other if they can, unembarrassed by the shadow of their attributed talents? Why not?

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Terrible News!

Life's Balloon, the Sure Cure, Reaches Its Destination, All Hope Lost

LIFE'S Great Balloon Expedition, the Most Tremendous Enterprise in Modern Annals, started on its way ten days ago. The news of the start was withheld from the people as it was not deemed wise to place them under such great suspense.

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Theodore Roosevelt.

Anthony Comstock.

Andrew Carnegie.

Paul Morton.

Thomas F. Ryan.

John D. Rockefeller.

Elinor Glyn.

Charles Mellen.

George Baer.

Chauncey Depew.

Pierpont Morgan.

Immediately after the balloon started.

Great anxiety felt. Many citizens feared the balloon would reach its destination. It was built so strongly and the conditions were so favorable, that the result was in doubt.

"If this balloon makes the trip successfully," said an acute observer who witnessed the start, "I see no hope for this country."

Crowds watched the bulletin boards. It was realized by all that a new era might dawn at any moment—if the balloon didn't get there.

All hope is now lost, however, as the following dispatch indicates:

Canton.—Word has just been received from Yokohama that Life's balloon, the Sure Cure, containing Theodore Roosevelt, Chauncey Depew, Paul Morton, Thomas Ryan, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller and Pierpont Morgan et al. has arrived safely.

The American people as a whole have stood the shock very well. As the hours went by and no word was received from the balloon, signs of suppressed elation were observable on every hand. Crowds gathered in front of the bulletin boards and the hope that the American Republic would at last come to its own was very strong. Arrangements were made for torchlight processions to celebrate the loss of the balloon with all on board, and in general the people prepared for appropriate festivities; at the same time they held themselves in check in case of possible disaster.

When the news was at last flashed around the world that the balloon had arrived safely, it was received in silence by the multitude. When it was finally learned that every member of the expedition was unharmed and capable of going on as before, a sullen melancholy settled on every one.

The latest reports indicate, however, that the people will accept the situation.

The public buildings have been draped

P. S.—Roosevelt has just cabled: "On my return I will stump the country."

We now fear the worst.

The Value of the Custom House

I would be suicidal to dispense with the terrors of custom house inspection. In petty physical ways they may be annoying, but just therein lies their value, as any one can see who is imbued with a level-headed psychology.

The United States Government must keep before the people. Furthermore, it must keep before them in a way that will both inspire fear and command respect. It is something, to be sure, to stick a stamp on a letter and drop it into the box or to answer the gurgling tremulo of the gray-suited postman. If that were all, however, we would soon come to look upon our Government as merely a plodding dray horse or a generous and uncomplaining milch cow instead of a militant force for revenue only.

But when we are met at the dock by inspectors, bearing the insignia of the United States, and they proceed courteously to bullyrag us, gently to undress us and politely to insult us, we are filled with a weening sense of the Government's importance, virility and oneness of purpose.

The idea could profitably be extended to the interior. Devices could be introduced by which every individual citizen, respectable or otherwise, might be brought under the yoke with a stern but gracious unyieldingness which would prove beyond peradventure of doubt that our Government is fit to survive.

Ellis O. Jones.

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If you were born on

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Your future wife will be an up-to-date lady novelist, and you will be kept busy explaining that she isn't as bad as she writes.

Your future husband will stutter. That will give you quite a start of him in all the family discussions.





Will seldom a g r e e with your opinions on any subject. Your domestic life will not be monotonous.

Your future husband will be younger than you are. At the same time you will have great trouble making him mind.





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Your future husband will wear corsets,
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I cannot wear the old hair, For which good gold I paid. Red hair is so expensive when One gets the proper shade. I felt so dreadful when it was coiffed, All little puffs and curls; But I can't wear the old hair, Alas for Fashion's whirls!

I cannot wear the old hair. Four switches I must buy And wind them round and round my head As flat as they will lie. My face is far too plump for this; My nose is much too long; But I can't wear the old hair, It's altogether wrong. -Lippincott's Magazine.



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THE FINAL HEAT

A Bad Lot

When charged with being drunk and disorderly and asked what he had to say for himself the prisoner gazed pensively at the magistrate, smoothed down a remnant of gray hair, and said:

"Your honor, man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. I'm not as debased as Swift, as profligate as Byron, as dissipated as Poe, as debauched as-

"That will do!" thundered the mag-istrate. "Ten days! And, officer, take a list of those names and run 'em in. They're as bad a lot as he is!"

-London Mail

The Erratic Popular Taste

"Young man," said the woman at the ticket office, "why don't you answer me when I ask you whether this is a moral and proper show?"

"Because," answered the theatre treasurer frankly, "I'm not a good enough judge of human nature to know which way to answer without losing a customer."-Washington Star.

"My wife and myself had another foolish quarrel."

"About what?"

" About where we would go if we had money enough to travel."

-Washington Herald.

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(By Elinor Glyn. D. Appleton & Co.)

Prince Milaslávski boded harm To every girl he made a mash on. He simply oozed "Slavonic charm;" His eyes, so full of burning passion.

And brutal manners conquered all-The courtly dame and wild zingara; How could he fail to hold in thrall Our British heroine, Tamara?

He loved, yet did not ask her hand; He was not born for humble suing. Tamara could not understand His rough-and-tumble style of woo-

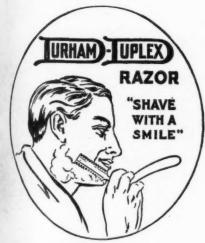
So coy she seemed, her frigid mien But made him hotly rage and glower And ; in the great dramatic scene Which one presumes to be "His Hour":

A hut; alone in snow and sleet; He clasped her close; Tamara fainted.

"He did but kiss her little feet." The author leaves me unacquainted

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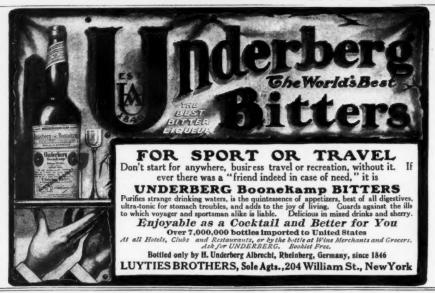
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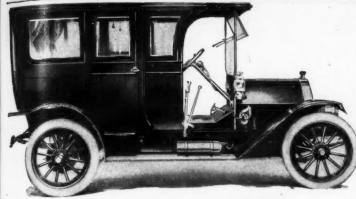


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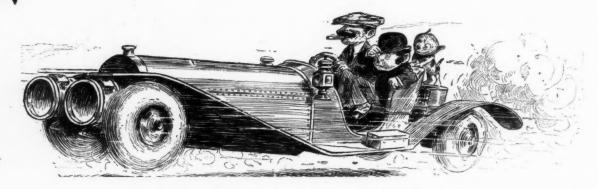
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Few realize how scarce he has become. The man who writes ill has certain inestimable advantages over the man who writes well. The most conspicuous of these advantages is the accident that there are so many ways

of writing badly and so few ways of writing well. Hence, all kinds of good English resemble one another sufficiently to impart an effect of monotony to the best literature generally. But the bad writer-who is born and not made at college-has the inimitable originality of his characteristic demerits. The boy who has learned to write well at Harvard or Yale-he does learn, in spite of The Evening

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Post-writes so much like his classmates that his originality seems to have evaporated. He finds it easy enough to write well, but impossible to be interesting. He has been forced to study the great models, to form his style upon theirs. He bores us by writing like Jeffries or Pater or Addison or the great Dr. Samuel Johnson himself.

What becomes of the bad writers? They are turned by our universities into good ones. The disastrous effects of the process upon literature are well illustrated through comparison of the themes worked out by the class in English at Yale with the "compositions" of the public school children in any large city. Good as is the English now written by the undergraduates in even the freshman class, one never sees it quoted outside the classroom. But the English written by the boys and girls in a fourth grade or grammar school is bad enough to make delightful reading. It finds its way frequently enough into the newspapers as typical school boys' "howlers." It is barbarous and hence powerful. What delicious violations of every canon of correct criticism, what freshness of imbecility, what instances of that finest form of the sense of humor, its unconscious manifestation! Again and yet again the teacher, going over the papers submitted by the little ones, extracts a masterpiece here and there, irresistibly quotable because of its crudity and the countless flaws of style so odious to The Evening Post. Let us repeat a few. They have gone the rounds of the newspapers many a time, but the labor of reading them twice will not be vain:

"Eve sinned out of curiosity more than liking for that particular fruit."
"The Semitic races were the half-breeds, from semi, half."

"The Sanhedrin was composed of

seventy men of reclining years and great learning."

With respect to the conversation re-corded in John, Chapter 3: "Nicodemus began the harangue, but could not take it all in at one gasp.

By and by the pupils whose faults of style rendered their English so quotable will be writing so well at college as to bore us. The lad who could set down in perfect good faith his idea that "a vacuum is a large empty space where the Pope stops" will never, when he reaches Harvard, achieve anything as fine. He will have been shamed by ridicule or improved by study of the best models into a good style. Another bad writer will have been lost.

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a pleasure it would be to learn that Henry James had engaged a school boy-not a college youth-to do his writing! Mr. James could furnish the story while the child did the writing.

The vicissitudes of good writers never prompt them to try to write badly. That seems very odd, because the rejection of a contribution by no means implies that it is lacking in merit. Whoever heard of a bit of prose rejected because it was lacking in demerit? Not that ordinary demerit will achieve greatness. It must be striking, like Marie Corelli's.

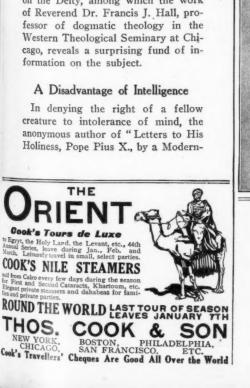
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A Disadvantage of Intelligence

In denying the right of a fellow creature to intolerance of mind, the anonymous author of "Letters to His Holiness, Pope Pius X., by a Modern-

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ist," manifests his most conspicuous limitation. Recognition of the right of their fellow citizens to be as narrow and as bigoted as they please is rarely encountered among broad and tolerant Americans. That right, in truth, is denied by the spirit of American institutions. That is why my sympathies are wholly with the Pope in the modernist controversy now so acute among some of our Roman Catholic brethren. I am with the

Pope because I claim the right to be as narrow and as bigoted as I please.

The grand obstacle to the progress of the modernists is their persistence in judging theological dogma in the light of the intelligence. They fail to heed the warning of De Quincey, who, in his essay "On the Knocking at the Gate in Macbeth," reminds us that the intelligence is the meanest of the fac-

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ulties. One should never, De Quincey affirms in effect, trust the intelligence unsupported by other authority. I have very little faith in my own intelligence and Socrates, I believe, had very little faith in his. Intelligence, like wealth, is very inequitably distributed and those who need it most are often the very individuals who have it least. That is why the world groans under a tyranny of the intelligent. As if this were not a sufficient aggravation, the modernists urge that our relations with the Deity be placed upon a basis of intelligence. That would transfer to the spiritual sphere the superiority of the intelligent in

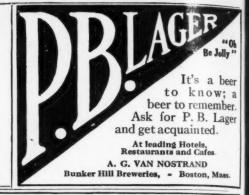
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things earthly, and prove thus a denial of the justice of God. For He created the ass whom Titania loved as truly as He created the professor of psychology at Harvard. It is difficult to reconcile with any idea of justice the modernist contention that in gaining knowledge of God or access to Him certain advantages should accrue to the intelligent—a minority of the human species!

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satire as that evoked by Priscilla Jawbones is helping the cause, not hurting it. It simply shows what a queer sense of humor some men have. From the standpoint of the cause, go on with just such rot, but from the standpoint of your good name and your circulation, you might read Priscilla Jawbones a serious lecture. Also Percival might be benefited by getting acquainted with some of the women who are so actively working for woman suffrage. No doubt he would be treated to some good wit and thereby put some flesh on his jawbones.

Yours sincerely,

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EDITOR OF LIFE,

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you. Of course, it is not necessary for me to ask you not to use my ideas as your own. I know you would not do such a thing. Besides, I am perfeetly willing to let you share in the glory-at so much per share. In fact, if you really pay the million in cash, and not in life subscriptions (no pun, honest!) you can have all the glory. You can also have the Ultimate. I live in a rented house and will have no room for it.

My expedition will be composed of the following:

- I Socialist.
- I Christian Scientist.
- I Suffragette.
- I William Jennings Bryan.
- (There is only one, you know.)'
- I Disciple of New Thought. (The newer the better.)

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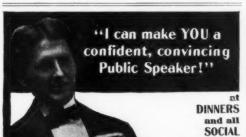
2 Common Dogs.

(No expedition ever started anywhere without dogs.)

Dog biscuit, pemmican, writing paper, 8 barrels ink, I crate (to put the Ultimate in), I copy LIFE (in case quick death is preferred to starvation), gum drops, etc., etc.

I shall take no representative of the Common People. The Common People have to work for a living, and have no time to be chasing around after Ultimates. Besides, they wouldn't know what to do with it if they had it, anyway.

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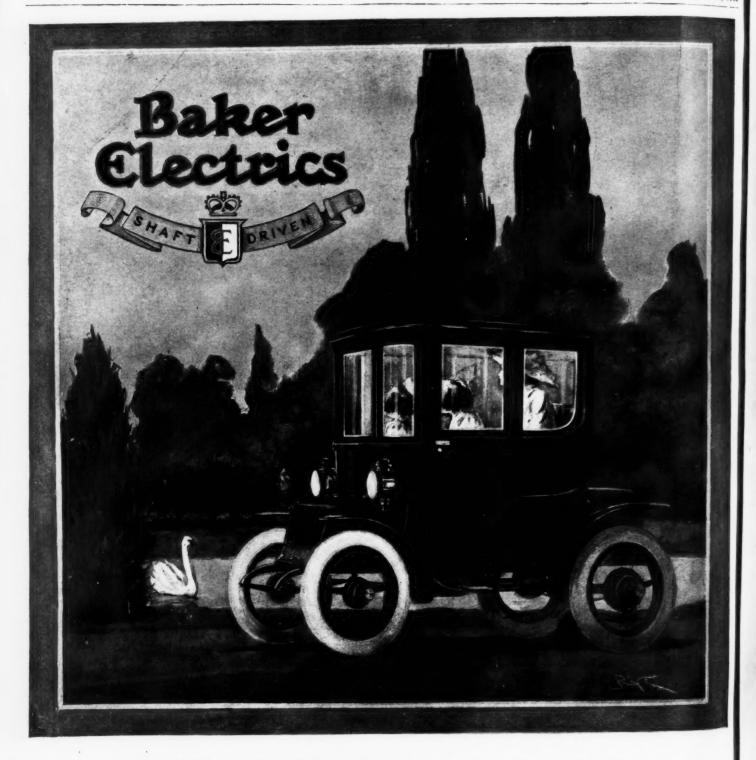
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